The Memoranda of representations and suggestions previously prepared and forwarded by the members had been grouped under the heads of general and local subjects and the former were first taken up.

# GENERAL SUBJECTS.

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## I. Land Revenue, Survey, Settlement, &c.

**1. Abolition of Kadama tax.**

*Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu* (*Shertallay*) said that when Shertallay was taken by Travancore from Cochin a new tax in addition to the old Kadama was levied by the Government and as thus the people had now to pay a double tax, he requested that the Kadama tax might be abolished at the present settlement.

*Reply.*—This will be considered by the Settlement Dewan Peishkar to whom a formal representation may be made.

**2. Abolition of chatham and chumadu cess.**

*Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu* (*Shertallay*) requested that the cess known as Chatham obtaining not only in Shertallay but also in Kalkulam and Vilavankod, as well as the Chumadu cess, might be abolished.

*Reply.*—These are extra cesses which do not come within the class of cesses abolished by section 26 of the Royal Proclamation dated 24th February 1886. Under clause (3) of that section, all cesses levied on lands already paying the full pattom assessment are abolished, while cesses falling on lands paying less than the full pattom are retained and incorporated with the Government demand. If individual cases of hardship are brought to the notice of the Settlement Peishkar, he will consider them.

**3. That only ⅛ pattom should be levied on Kudipulli thanathu lands.**

*Mr. Narayanan Narayanan Karthavu* (*Shertallay*) said that the present method of assessing these lands worked hardship on the ryots and requested that ⅛ pattom alone should be levied.

*Mr. Narasimha Kammathi of Shertallay* (*Nominated*) supported him.

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*Reply.*—The Taluk is under settlement and the question will be considered if a representation is made to the Settlement department.

**4. Abolition of ottivilakkam on Kudipulli thanathu properties.**

*Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu (Shertallay)* said that Kudipulli thanathu lands were entered in the Ayacut as jenmom in the names of the original alienors and as in the past such lands were never subjected to ottivilakkam, he requested that they might be exempted from this process in the present settlement also.

*Mr. Narasimha Kammathi of Shertallay (Nominated)* spoke in support.

*Reply.*—Ottivilakkam has been abolished by section 24 of the Settlement Proclamation of 1886 in the case of inam properties. The prayer is for the extension of this concession to Kudipulli thanathu lands. This will be considered in connection with the settlement of the Taluk.

**5. Consideration of shortage in the area of wet lands and fallows in reckoning tax.**

*Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (Ettumanur)* said that in assessing wet lands due consideration should be given to any deficiency that might be found in the actual measurement and also to fallows.

*Reply.*—Appreciable shortage other than that due to differences in the scales of measurement adopted in the past and the present settlement is considered in assessing lands. In regard to fallows, the rule is to calculate the average of the tax levied during the years of cultivation for the past 10 years and to fix it as the present assessment. This rule was framed in connection with the settlement of the Kartikapalli Taluk and has been since followed. No change is called for.

**6. Cancelment of Huzur order fixing more than ⅛ assessment on Karanma and Irakaranma lands.**

*Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (Ettumanur)* requested that this question might receive the early consideration of Government.

*Reply.*—No change in the existing rule is called for.

**7. Assessment on Cherikal lands to be fixed only after due consideration of the difficulties attending Cherikal cultivation.**

*Mr. K. Chidambara Iyer, B. A., L. T., (Changanachery)* said that Cherikals are lands lying at the foot of the ghats in Changanachery, Chengannur, Minachil, Muvattupuzha and adjoining

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